

BOARD OF DENTISTRY  
ANESTHESIA COMMITTEE  
301 S. PARK AVENUE 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR  
FEBRUARY 6, 2009  
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: Doug Smith, Committee Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m.

PRESENT: Stephen Waters, DMD; Shelley Perry; Ronald Neal, DDS; Terry Klise, DDS; John L Tripp, DDS; Douglas Smith DMD

DLI STAFF: Traci Collett, Board Administrator

PUBLIC COMMENT STATEMENT:

In accordance with 2-3-103(1), MCA, the Board will hold a public comment period. Please note that Open Forum is the public's opportunity to address the Board on any topic that is not already on the agenda for this meeting. While the Board cannot take action on the issues presented, the Board will listen to comments and may ask that the issue be placed on a subsequent agenda for possible action by the Board. The Chairperson of the Board will determine the amount of time allotted for public comment. A decision on whether to hold a meeting in executive session is in the discretion of the Presiding Chair pursuant to Section 2-3-203 MCA.

No public comments were presented

REVIEW AND DISCUSS DENTAL ANESTHESIA REGULATIONS:

Dr. Smith explained to the committee that they have been asked to review the new ADA and American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry has come out with new guidelines regarding anesthesia and pain control. The committee needs to decide if they want to adopt the guidelines; discuss the current inspection process and forms; and make recommendations to the full Board for consideration.

The committee reviewed the "Use of sedation and General Anesthesia by Dentists" as adopted by the October 2007 ADA House of Delegates. The committee discussed whether or not to adopt the guidelines as is or to modify them. The committee couldn't agree to adopt the guidelines "as is" so the committee read through the guidelines for suggested modifications.

The committee read through the definitions of the different levels of sedation found in the new guidelines and accepted the definitions therein: Minimal Sedation, Moderate Sedation, Deep Sedation and General Anesthesia. The committee discussed the definitions currently found in the Administrative Rules and determined that further discussion is needed to address the term "light general anesthesia" with input from oral surgeons.

In B. Moderate Sedation, paragraph 4, "Monitoring and Documentation" the committee agreed to delete "qualified dentist" and replace with "qualified assistant" must remain in the operator room to monitor the patient continuously until recovered. The dentist must be immediately available (within the office, but not required in the operator). The rationale is to allow the dentist to examine or provide care for another patient in another treatment room within the office (ie. a hygiene patient).

In C. Deep Sedation or General Anesthesia, 3. Personnel and Equipment Requirements, under "Equipment", the 6th bullet, "If volatile anesthetic agents are utilized, an inspired agent analysis monitor and capnograph should be "required", rather than "considered". The rationale is the standard of care for the use of volatile anesthetic agents usually preclude the requirement for intubation.

In C.; 4. Monitoring and Documentation, "Monitoring", the fourth bullet "Temperature" should include the immediate availability of "Dantrolene" whenever triggering agents associated with malignant hyperthermia are administered.

Management of children was discussed and the committee supports the AAPD guidelines. Further discussion should follow with the participation of pediatric dentists.

The committee also discussed "educational requirements", and the Clinical Guidelines were reviewed.

The committee agreed that all dental licensees and assistants should be required to hold Healthcare provider CPR not just basic CPR so that emergencies can be handled appropriately.

The committee also suggested that sleep dentistry should be defined as it is becoming a commonly used term.

CONFIRM FUTURE MEETING DATES: The next meeting is scheduled for March 6, 2009 and if necessary a third meeting will be held April 10, 2009.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

SUBMITTED BY: Traci Collett

APPROVED BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Douglas Smith, DMD

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_